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MEMORIAL BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION WORK TO BEGIN APRIL 12
REPAIRS TO PORTSMOUTH BRIDGE WILL RESTRICT LIFT
BRIDGE OPENINGS FOR PISCATAQUA RIVER TRAFFIC

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces construction work is scheduled to begin Monday, April 12, 2004 on structural steel repairs to the Memorial Bridge carrying US Route 1 over the Piscataqua River between Portsmouth, New Hampshire and Kittery, Maine.

Lane restrictions and single lane alternating traffic will occasionally be in effect Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM for approximately seven weeks. The easterly (downstream) sidewalk will be closed to pedestrian traffic for the duration of the project, which is scheduled to be completed by May 21, 2004.

In order to perform these steel repairs beneath the bridge deck, bridge lifts for recreational and commercial vessels less than 100 gross tons will be restricted to 6:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12 noon, 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. Bridge lifts will continue on demand for all vessels outside the restricted hours of 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Bridge lifts for commercial vessels over 100 tons and inbound fishing vessels will be made on demand at all times.

Cianbro Corp., of Pittsfield, Maine is the contractor for the \$699,000 project.